

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

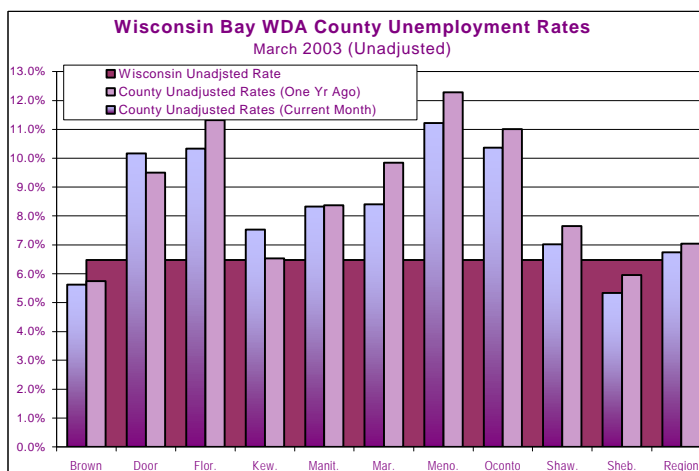
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March Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Show Improvement

March has shown some improvement in most of the counties in the Wisconsin Bay Area. The seasonally unadjusted rates decreased 0.1 of a percentage point from February to 6.7 percent. Although the decrease is not large, it is important as eight of the region's ten counties had declines during the month. The only counties with increases were Door which increased 0.7 of a percentage point to 10.2 percent and Menominee with an increase of 0.3 of a percentage point to 11.2 percent.

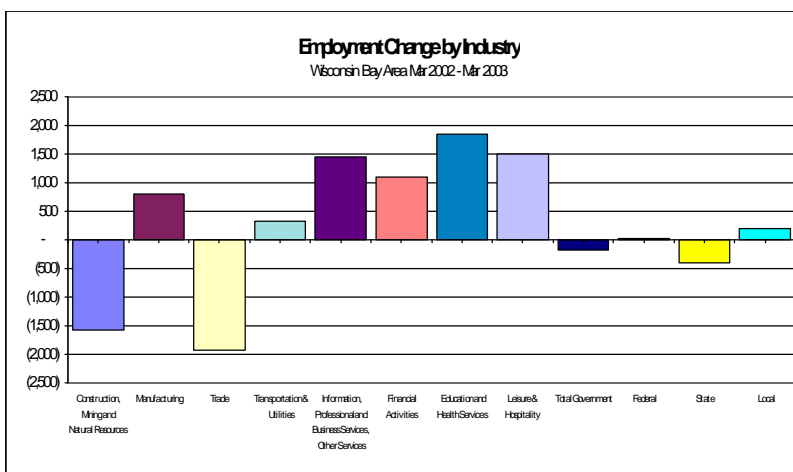


Manitowoc which will be closing and eliminating an estimated 882 jobs by the end of this year. A good number of these workers have already had unemployment and retraining services explained to them and are in the process of exploring their options. The region remained above the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 6.5 percent. The monthly rate in the region was 0.3 of a percentage below last March when it was 7.0.

The number of jobs in the region rose 2,400 over the month to 308,100. Part of the increase in jobs includes nearly 700 workers returning to work at Marinette Marine

after a labor dispute. All of the industry groups had employment increases over the month in the Bay Area, although this was not consistent for individual counties.

While the month to month changes reflect primarily changes that occur due to seasonal factors, a comparison with one year ago data gives a better picture of the economy during the same part of the seasonal cycle. Like the month to month changes, only two of the ten counties have a higher rate than one year ago, with one county unchanged. Door and Kewaunee Counties were above last year ago levels, while Manitowoc remained unchanged. The improvement in rate is not due to workers leaving the labor force, as most of the counties have experienced both monthly and annual growth in their labor force accompanied by larger growth in employment levels. This is somewhat promising, however, there are still a number of lay offs that are scheduled in the area through the end of the year. Most notably the Mirro Company in



Not only did employment pick up on a monthly basis, but employment remained above one year ago levels as well. The number of nonfarm jobs was up 3,300 over the year. Despite the overall increase, three industry groups had declines. The largest declines were in the trade, and construction, mining and natural resource industries.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

March, the rate for Sheboygan was 5.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Green Bay MSA remained unchanged at 4.8 percent. This was the same level for the region one year ago.

The nation's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, the same as February. The rate for Wisconsin was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.3 percent.

The rate for the Sheboygan MSA was also at 4.8 percent. This also was unchanged from February's rate. Last

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
March 2003	Brown	Door	Flor.	Ke w.	Manit.	Marinette	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheb	Region	WI
Civilian Labor Force*	146,500	15,900	1,900	11,000	45,400	22,600	2,300	16,700	20,500	65,500	348,400	3,083,200
Employed	138,200	14,300	1,700	10,100	41,600	20,700	2,100	15,000	19,100	62,000	324,900	2,883,500
Unemployed	8,200	1,600	200	800	3,800	1,900	300	1,700	1,400	3,500	23,500	199,700
Unemployment rate(%)	5.6%	10.2%	10.3%	7.5%	8.3%	8.4%	11.2%	10.4%	7.0%	5.3%	6.7%	6.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8%	-	5.3%
Total Nonfarm	146,500	12,300	1,200	6,600	36,000	19,900	2,000	9,400	12,300	61,900	308,100	2,741,800
Total Private	128,600	10,600	900	5,600	31,400	17,500	100	7,300	9,300	55,200	266,500	2,315,600
Goods Producing	34,100	3,000	300	2,300	13,300	6,700	*	3,000	2,800	26,700	92,200	620,400
Service Producing	112,400	9,300	900	4,300	22,700	13,200	2,000	6,500	9,400	35,200	215,800	2,121,400
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	7,000	800	0	400	1,400	600	*	500	500	2,200	13,400	105,500
Manufacturing	27,100	2,200	300	1,900	11,900	6,100	*	2,500	2,300	24,500	78,800	514,900
Trade	21,200	1,500	100	800	4,200	2,900	100	1,000	1,800	7,300	40,800	422,300
Transportation & Utilities	9,600	100	40	500	1,600	700	*	300	300	1,200	14,200	307,300
Financial Activities	10,900	600	40	200	1,000	600	*	200	400	2,200	16,200	152,900
Education and Health Services	17,800	1,400	100	600	4,700	2,800	*	1,100	1,600	6,400	36,500	363,600
Leisure & Hospitality	12,300	2,700	200	700	2,900	1,700	*	1,100	1,300	3,700	26,500	226,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	22,700	1,300	100	500	3,800	2,200	*	700	1,100	7,700	40,100	941,700
Total Government	17,900	1,700	300	1,000	4,600	2,400	1,900	2,100	2,900	6,700	41,500	426,200
Federal	1,000	100	20	100	200	100	*	100	100	200	2,000	28,800
State	2,600	100	10	0	200	200	*	0	100	700	3,900	102,900
Local	14,300	1,500	300	900	4,200	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,700	5,800	35,700	294,500
Change from one month ago February 2003												
Civilian Labor Force*	-100	100	0	200	300	-100	0	200	200	-200	600	2,000
Employed	200	0	0	200	300	-100	0	200	200	-100	1,000	1,200
Unemployed	-200	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-400	800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	0.7%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-0.2%
Total Nonfarm	800	0	40	100	400	800	0	100	100	100	2,400	9,700
Total Private	600	0	40	0	400	800	0	100	100	0	2,000	8,000
Goods Producing	0	0	30	0	100	700	0	0	0	-100	800	-400
Service Producing	800	0	20	100	300	100	0	100	100	200	1,600	10,100
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	0	0	10	0	100	0	0	0	0	-100	100	800
Manufacturing	0	-100	20	0	0	700	0	0	20	0	680	-1,200
Trade	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	10	10	0	130	200
Transportation & Utilities	100	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	160	-300
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	200
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	-10	0	0	0	30	30	0	80	1,200
Leisure & Hospitality	200	0	0	40	0	0	0	50	20	0	300	3,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	300	0	0	-10	100	0	0	0	20	100	530	4,300
Total Government	200	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	-10	100	410	1,700
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,500
Local	200	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	-10	100	400	300
Change from one year ago March 2002												
Civilian Labor Force*	6,200	1,000	100	400	1,000	500	0	300	100	2,500	12,100	68,400
Employed	6,000	800	100	200	900	700	0	400	300	2,800	12,200	70,400
Unemployed	200	200	0	100	100	-300	0	-100	-100	-300	-200	-2,000
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.1%	0.7%	-1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	-1.4%	-1.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.5%	-	-0.4%
Total Nonfarm	2,100	400	100	0	100	300	0	100	-100	400	3,300	-56,600
Total Private	2,100	500	0	200	0	400	0	-100	-100	500	3,500	-58,500
Goods Producing	-500	0	0	-100	-300	0	0	-100	100	100	-800	-44,400
Service Producing	2,600	400	0	100	400	300	0	200	-200	300	4,100	-12,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-900	0	0	0	-200	0	0	0	0	-500	-1,600	-20,500
Manufacturing	400	100	0	-100	-200	100	0	-100	0	600	800	-23,900
Trade	-1,400	-300	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-100	-100	-1,900	-28,900
Transportation & Utilities	400	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	-100	300	-29,000
Financial Activities	700	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	1,100	1,100
Education and Health Services	1,200	100	0	0	400	100	0	100	0	1,800	8,300	8,300
Leisure & Hospitality	300	800	0	100	-100	200	0	200	0	-100	1,500	1,900
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,400	-200	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-200	600	1,400	15,900
Total Government	0	-100	0	-100	0	-100	0	100	0	-100	-200	1,900
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,400
State	-400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-400	500
Local	400	-100	0	-100	0	-100	0	100	0	-100	200	2,800

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.

Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWWS data is benchmarked to 3/2/2002

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